

REMARKS

1. The instant application was filed with 33 claims. Pursuant to this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1 through 12 have been canceled. Claims 13 through 33 remain pending in this application. The Applicant is willing to concede that claim 13, the sole independent claim remaining, may be generic.

2. The Examiner has required the Applicants to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits in the event that no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. It is the Examiner's view that Species 1 is shown in Figures 2 through 11, that Species 2 is shown in Figures 12 through 17, and that Species 3 is illustrated in Figures 18 through 25.

3. In the Applicants' view, Figures 2 through 17 are broadly illustrative of the subject matter of claims 13 through 21, which are directed toward an improved, self-actuating display device that may include means for maintaining intimacy of a relationship between the means for resolving image information and the means for storing image information, as well as means for selecting a desired display sequence. Claim 22, which sets forth the means of claim 21 in detail, is clearly associated with Figure 18, which also illustrates the integrally constructed drive motor and adjustment mechanism recited in claim 23. Claim 24 further limits this mechanism, which is shown in detail in Figures 19 through 25. In fact, most of the features of the remaining claims (25 through 33) are illustrated in Figures 19 through 25.

The Applicants respectfully submit that claims 13 through 21, associated with Figures 2 through 17, are broadly directed toward the display system of the present invention. Claim 22 is associated with Figure 18 and may be considered as a distinct species relating to the mechanism

that provides intimacy of contact. Claims 23 through 33 are associated with Figures 19 through 25, since the claimed features are generally illustrated in these drawing figures, but the limitations of claims 23 through 33 also relate to the selection of a desired image display sequence form among a plurality of image display sequences, as set forth in claim 13. The Applicant thus provisionally elects the species set forth in claims 23 through 33 for prosecution in the event that no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

4. As set forth above, the Applicant provisionally elects claims 23 through 33 as being directed toward the integrally constructed drive motor and adjustment mechanism feature illustrated in Figures 19 through 25, but the Applicant respectfully traverses the requirement for election of species. The Applicants also believe, as discussed above, that at least claims 13 through 21 should properly be considered as generic in this instance. Examination of the claims on the merits is respectfully requested.

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6. A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed to cover a one-month extension of time for response to the Office Action entered in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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